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CINEMA?"

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INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENED TODAY!

YOU PASSED AN
AGEBRA TEST!



NO! - BETTER THAN
THAT! I PASSED
A SCREEN
TEST!

THAT'S NICE! YOU
NEVER KNOW WHEN
YOU MIGHT BE
CALLED UPON TO
MAKE A SCREEN
SOME DAY!



-- BUT PERSONALLY I THINK
A CLASS IN BASKET-WEAVING
WOULD BE MUCH MORE
PRACTICAL!

BUT MOTHER-- YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M
TALKING ABOUT MOVIES!!
HOLLYWOOD!! LIGHTS!!
ACTION!! CAMERA!!



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--WHAT A COMBINATION YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER WILL MAKE! I CAN SEE THE POSTERS NOW!.. "CANDY AND POP O'CONNOR STARRING IN 'TEEN FOR A DAY!'"

..OR 'POP AND CANDY O'CONNOR!'



WELL, GOLLY, I'M SORRY I TORE UP THAT CONTRACT, MR. FLICKER!.. BUT YOU KNOW HOW TEMPERMENTAL WE ACTORS ARE!.. HEH-HEH!

THAT'S OKAY, MR. O'CONNOR! I'LL RUSH RIGHT BACK TO THE HOTEL AND MAKE OUT A NEW ONE FOR THE BOTH OF YOU! DON'T GO AWAY, NOW!



OH, GEE, POP! THIS IS WONDERFUL!! NOW WE CAN BOTH GO TO HOLLYWOOD!

WELL I GUESS I NEVER DID MENTION THAT I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE DRAMATICS CLUB IN HIGH SCHOOL!

--BUT BEFORE WE SIGN ANY CONTRACTS, I WANT TO SAY THAT I HOPE THIS DOESN'T CHANGE MY LITTLE GIRL!.. I WANT YOU TO REMAIN AS SWEET AND UNSPOILED AS YOU ALWAYS WERE!



I'M OVER HERE, DADDY! THAT'S THE LAMP YOU'RE TALKING TO...

WHAT?.. OH YES! SO IT IS!



NOW REMEMBER! WHEN MR. FLICKER GETS HERE WITH THE CONTRACTS, DON'T ACT TOO EAGER! BE CASUAL!.. UNCONCERNED!

..LIKE ME!



THERE'S THE-- --DOORBELL NOW!

..I'LL GET IT!!

R-RING!!

ZOOM!



HELLO, MR. O'CONNOR!
I JUST ...

MGLPHHM??!

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID
MR. FLICKER? DIDN'T THEY
TEACH YOU TO WATCH
YOUR DICTION IN
HOLLYWOOD?



HELLO, OPERATOR?? GET ME THE POLICE DEPART-
MENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE F.B.I.
AND AN AMBULANCE,!!

NO! I'M JUST
LONESOME!

IS IT AN
EMERGENCY?



HERE HE IS, OFFICER! THE GUY
THAT'S WANTED IN 22 STATES FOR
IMPERSONATING A TALENT SCOUT!

COME TO THINK
OF IT, HE DOES
LOOK
FAMILIAR!

GET THIS
WALRUS OFF
ME BEFORE
HE CRUSHES
ALL MY
FOUNTAIN
PENS!



WHY, HARRY FLICKER!
YOU OLD SON-OF-A-GUN! I'M
GLAD
--I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU
SINCE YOU GOT THAT
JOB AS TALENT
SCOUT, YEARS
AGO! YOU'RE
HERE, SAM!
THIS
GUY IS
VIOLENT!



N-NOW, LOOK, MR.
FLICKER! IT WAS
ALL AN ACT! ..
I WAS JUST
SHOWING YOU
HOW I COULD
PLAY THE PART
OF A
DEMENTED
KILLER!
HEH-HEH.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
PUT ON AN
ACT FOR ME,
BUSTER! I'M
ALREADY
CONVINCED
YOU'RE
DEMENTED!



--BUT WHAT ABOUT
THE CONTRACT TO
MAKE THE
PICTURES?..

YOU'LL BE MAKING
PICTURES, ALL RIGHT!
ONE PROFILE AND
ONE FULL FACE
WHEN MY LAWYER
GETS THROUGH
WITH YOU!!



PLEASE, DADDY!
YOU'VE DONE
ENOUGH FIGHT-
ING FOR ONE
AFTERNOON!

YES, BUT THAT WAS BUSINESS..
THIS IS STRICTLY FOR
PLEASURE!!

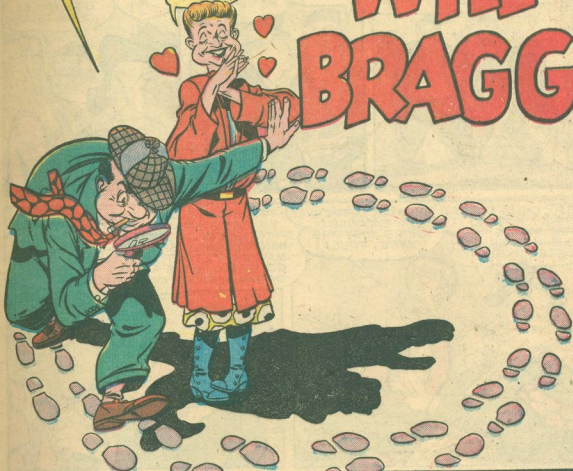
I'LL CALL
YOU FRIDAY,
CANDY!



GO AWAY,
EFFIE! I'M
ON THE TRAIL
OF A DANGER-
OUS CRIMINAL!

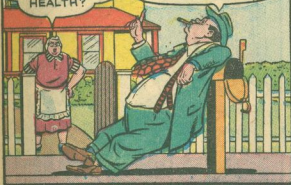
OH, WILL! IF ONLY YOU'D
GET ON MY TRAIL AND
TRACK ME DOWN ... TO
THE NEAREST PARSON ...
I'D BE THE HAPPIEST
GIRL IN THE
WORLD!

Will BRAGG



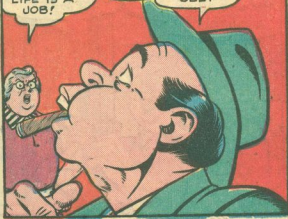
WILL BRAGG
YOU'RE SUPPOSED
TO BE TRIMMING
THE HEDGES!
WAS THE EFFORT
TOO MUCH FOR
YOUR DELICATE
HEALTH?

I HAPPEN TO BE
WAITING FOR THE
MAIL, MRS. MAHOULAHAN!
I'M EXPECTING A
PACKAGE THAT WILL
ALTER THE COURSE OF
MY ENTIRE LIFE!



HMPH! THE
ONLY THING
THAT WILL
ALTER YOUR
LIFE IS A
JOB!

WELL, THIS PACKAGE IS
THE BEGINNING OF A
NEW CAREER FOR ME!
JUST WAIT AND
SEE!



PACKAGE FOR YOU, WILL? COLLECT! FORK OVER FIVE DOLLARS!

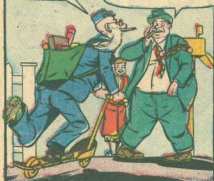
FIVE DOLLARS?? GULP! ER... I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SMALLER THAN A HUNDRED! I'LL PAY YOU... AHUM... IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!

SORRY! IT'S AGAINST THE RULES! NO MONEY... NO PACKAGE!

WILL, LET ME TAKE CARE OF THIS! AFTER ALL, SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE SUPPORTING ME!

THAT'LL BE THE DAY! I MEAN... EFFIE... THAT IS...

OH, YOU DARLING BOY! I UNDERSTAND! YOU FEEL SO DEEPLY ABOUT OUR MARRIAGE THAT YOU'RE SPEECHLESS!



HUH? OH, OF COURSE, EFFIE! NOW TO SEE WHAT'S IN THIS MASTER DETECTIVE KIT!

MASTER DETECTIVE? HOW EXCITING! YOU'RE JUST THE TYPE, WILL!

YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT, MY DEAR! I'M JUST A NATURAL FOR THE PRIVATE EYE RACKET! THE NAME OF WILL BRAGG, MASTER DETECTIVE, WILL GO DOWN IN THE ANNALS OF THE HISTORY OF CRIME!

OH, WILL! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!



MEANWHILE...

GETTING WILL BRAGG TO DO ANYTHING AROUND HERE IS LIKE PULLING TEETH!

PARDON ME, MA'AM! DO YOU HAVE ANY ODD JOBS I COULD DO FOR YOU?

MY HEDGES NEED TRIMMING! ARE YOU A GOOD WORKER?

I SURE AM! JUST HAND ME THE SHEARS AND I'LL GO RIGHT TO WORK!





WILL, YOU'RE SO MODEST! YOU'VE FOUND A BODY! A BODY? OHHHH!



WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?



BUT WILL DARLING! I'VE BEEN CLOSE TO YOUR SIDE DURING ALL THAT TIME!



JUST THINK, WILL! THIS IS YOUR FIRST CASE! AND YOU'RE HANDLING IT JUST LIKE A PROFESSIONAL! YOU'RE WONDERFUL!



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HEY, TRISH, LISTEN TO THIS!... IT SAYS HERE THAT MORE MEN PROPOSE IN FRONT OF A FIRE-PLACE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE!

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I GUESS THE HEAT GETS THEM, CANDY!

"STICKY ICKY"



WHAT A THRILLING REVELATION! ACCORDING TO THIS BOOK, ALL YOU NEED TO GET A MAN IS A FIRE-PLACE!

WELL, YOU'VE GOT THE FIRE-PLACE!... ALL YOU NEED NOW IS THE MAN!

DON'T BE SILLY! WHO NEEDS A MAN? I'VE GOT TED DAWSON!

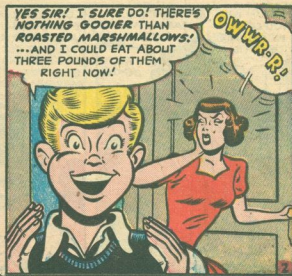
THAT'S WHAT I SAID!



I THINK I'LL INVITE TED OVER FOR A MARSHMALLOW ROAST TONIGHT! IT'LL BE SO ROMANTIC!

WITH TED? THAT GUY'S ABOUT AS ROMANTIC AS A SPONGE DIPPED IN KEROSENE!







NOW THAT HE'S GONE,
I CAN TELL YOU
SOMETHING THAT'S
BEEN ON MY MIND
ALL EVENING,
CANDY!

YES??
WH-WHAT
IS IT,
TED?..

SNUGGLE UP
REAL CLOSE
SO I CAN
WHISPER IT
IN YOUR EAR!
I DON'T WANT
ANYONE ELSE
TO HEAR IT!

OH, TED!..
HURRY AND
TELL ME
BEFORE
I GO
CRAZY!

I'VE GOT ANOTHER BOX OF
MARSHMALLOWS HIDDEN
UNDER MY SWEATER!!

WHAT??

CLEVER, HUH? IF
ORVILLE EVER KNEW
THAT, HE'D NEVER
LEAVE!

YOU UNROMANTIC BRUTE! THIS IS WHAT I
THINK OF YOU AND YOUR
MARSHMALLOWS!

HUH?

BWOP!

..AND THE NEXT TIME YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING
TO TELL ME, MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T CONCERN
YOUR APPETITE!

B-BUT LOVE-DOVE,
I...

GOOD-NIGHT!!

..NOW WHAT DID I SAY
THAT GOT HER SO UPSET?

I'D TELL YOU, BUT I
WASN'T SUPPOSED
TO BE LISTENING!

SLAM!

ORVILLE, OLD PAL, IF I EVER TELL
YOU THAT I UNDERSTAND WOMEN,
PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL CALL
THE BOOBY-HATCH TO COME
AND GET ME!

AT A TIME LIKE
THIS, HOW
COULD I SAY
NO TO
ANYTHING?

CANDY

ODD
APPRECIATION

HYA, LOVE-DOVE!
I'VE GOT A SURPRISE
FOR YOU! SEE IF YOU
CAN GUESS WHAT
IT IS!

...A BOX OF CANDY?
A WRIST-WATCH?
A CORSAGE OF
ROSES?



NO! NO! I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT! IT'S SOME-
THING YOU HANG
UP!



HOW WONDERFUL!
A MINK COAT! OH
TED, YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT!

DON'T WORRY! I DIDN'T!



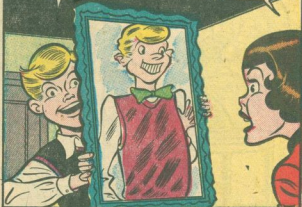
NO, LOOK! LET ME TAKE OFF THE WRAPPER AND SHOW YOU! THERE!

A BOX OF CANDY? A WRIST WATCH? A CORSAGE OF ROSES?



NO! IT'S A SELF-PORTRAIT OF ME! I PAINTED IT MYSELF IN "ARTS AND CRAFTS" CLASS!

LIKE I SAID BEFORE... "OH, TED, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT!"



NOW LESSEE! WHERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO HANG IT?

ON ONE OF THE WALLS, MAYBE!



AH! HERE'S A PERFECT SPOT! RIGHT OVER THE SOFA!



THIS WALL NEEDS TO BE COVERED WITH SOMETHING! OOPS!



EEEEEEKS!! OH TED, LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

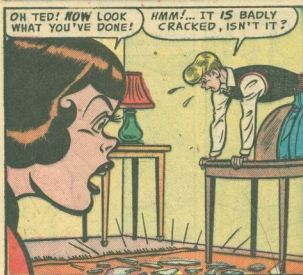
UHP! LIKE I SAID BEFORE, THIS WALL NEEDS TO BE COVERED WITH SOMETHING!



OH! DADDY WILL BE SIMPLY FURIOUS WHEN HE SEES THAT CRACK YOU'VE MADE!

NEVER FEAR, DUMPLING! HE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!









CANDY THE SHAKES

WHAT'RE ALL THE MILK-SHAKES FOR, HERBIE?
EXPECTING A REGIMENT OF FOREIGN
LEGIONAIRES?

NO! WORSE THAN THAT!

TINA!!

Sweet
Shop



TINA? BUT
SURELY SHE
CAN'T DRINK
ALL THOSE
MALTED'S
HERSELF!

WANNA BET?
SHE COULD DO
IT WITH ONE LIP
TIED BEHIND HER
BACK!



... AND SPEAKING OF
REGIMENTS, HERE SHE
COMES NOW, CANDY!



QUICK, HERBIE! FIX ME
ABOUT HALF-A-DOZEN OF MY
FAVORITE FLAVOR, BEFORE
I SHRIVEL UP
AND BLOW
AWAY!

FAT CHANCE
OF THAT!





NO! BETTER THAN THAT!
YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE
ABOUT 30 POUNDS! I
BET HE'LL SIT UP AND
TAKE NOTICE OF YOU
THEN!

NAW! IT WON'T WORK,
CANDY! I'VE TRIED
IT! I JUST CAN'T
RESIST MALTED
MILKS!

BUT THIS TIME YOU'RE
GOING TO USE WILL-POWER!
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOU
WON'T GO NEAR ANOTHER
MALTED MILK, EVEN IF
YOU'RE DYING OF
THIRST!

SAY! DO YOU THINK
IT WILL WORK?
...I MEAN REALLY?

Sweet
Shop

SWEET SHOP

OF COURSE! WHY LOOK, IT'S BEEN
ABOUT 3½ MINUTES THAT
YOU'VE GONE WITHOUT
A MALTED!
RIGHT?

RIGHT!

...AND YOU DON'T FEEL
ANY THE WORSE
WITHOUT IT?
RIGHT?

RIGHT!

... AND IF YOU CAN GO 3½ MINUTES
WITHOUT ONE, YOU CAN ALSO GO
3½ DAYS!
RIGHT?

RIGHT!

...OR 3½ MONTHS!
OR EVEN YEARS!

JEEPERS, CANDY!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
I CAN DO IT
EASILY!

SEE? WASN'T
THAT SIMPLE?
YOU'RE
CURED!

YIPEEE!
LET'S
ORDER A
MALTED AND
CELEBRATE!

I CAN SEE I'D BETTER GET
YOU OUT OF HERE! THE
TEMPTATIONS ARE TOO
GREAT!

YOU MAKE ME FEEL
LIKE A MEMBER OF
"MILK-SHAKES
ANONYMOUS"!

Sweet
Shop

WHERE ARE
YOU TAKING
ME?

TO MY HOUSE! IF YOU'RE
REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT
WANTING TO LOSE WEIGHT, WE'D
BETTER GO SOME PLACE
WHERE I CAN KEEP AN
EYE ON YOU!

CANDY



TOP MAN

"Mmm-m, smell the wood smoke," sniffed Candy. "I love the fall, the air is so brisk, the clothes are so tweedy and the football players so handsome." "Oh, fine," grumbled Ted Dawson as he ambled along beside her. "All year long I've got competition from various and sundry creeps and now it's a passle of muscle-bound, pigskin tossers. Has it ever occurred to you, girl, that man can have charm without wearing shoulder pads, cleats, and a noseguard?"

"Of course, silly," laughed Candy, "it's just that at this time of year, football players look verree good. Now come on, let's get that soda you mentioned." They turned into the Sweet Shop and were greeted by the usual uproar as they opened the door. The juke box was sounding off and as Candy and Ted wound their way through the dancers to a booth, a tall, broad-shouldered boy broke away from the crowd at the soda fountain and trotted over to a stop directly in front of Candy. Eyeing her with obvious interest, he said, "Hey, Dawson, how about introducing me to this little gal. She's really a doll." Ted moved in fast. "Never mind, Bucko, you're calling the wrong signals this time." And he swept Candy into a seat and shoved a menu at her. "Ted Dawson, you know I want a chocolate soda. Why in the world would I need a menu. And WHO is that positively handsome boy who stopped us on the way in?" said Candy, all in one breath. "That's the new tackle on the varsity team," muttered Ted. Then perking up, he added, "Say, how are the plans for the Fall Hop going? You're on the dance committee, aren't you?" Candy looked bright. "Yes, I am, and the plans are progressing very well. And let's not change the subject. What's the new tackle's name, Ted?" "Okay, okay," said the reluctant Ted. "His name's Buck Woods, and all of a sudden, I don't like him." And he got up and went to the juke box.

Ted no sooner left the table than Buck Woods was at Candy's side. He hastily introduced himself and before Candy could get a word in, he was seated beside her. Ted came storming back to the table. "Say, Woods, you've got a healthy nerve." "Aw, come on," laughed Buck, "no harm in being friendly, is there? We were just discussing the quality of the sodas." "Izzatso," growled Ted as he carefully sat down. "And how do you find the quality?" Buck turned and gazed boldly at Candy. "Sweet, brother. Mighty sweet!" Candy blushed. "Now really—" she began, and then looked up, startled. Ted leaped to his feet, jarring the table as he did. Candy's soda splashed over into her lap and in a flash, Buck was on his feet, napkin in hand, to help in the mop up. Candy was furious. "Ted Dawson, you clumsy oaf. If you weren't so silly and hotheaded, this never would have happened," she cried. Ted exploded, "Silly and hot-headed am I? Okay, I'm sorry I slopped the soda, but maybe Buck Woods will see you home, Miss O'Connor. I suddenly discover that I have another appointment." And Ted stalked out of the shop.

Buck took Candy home, the long way, and really turned on the charm. By the time they reached

the O'Connor's, Candy was quite fascinated. "And say, sugar," said Buck as they were parting, "how about going to the Fall Hop with me? It's a Saturday and I can break training for just one night and stay out late." "I'll give it some thought," replied Candy coyly. "I had a more or less tentative date for the Hop, but now, I don't know. . . ."

Candy had been in the house only a few moments when the phone rang. It was Ted. "Thought I'd call and make sure you got home safely," he said casually. "A lot you cared whether I got home or not, Ted Dawson," exploded Candy. "I don't think we have anything to say to each other." "Before you hang up," interrupted Ted, "I just wanted to tell you that I'll be on the football field tomorrow scrimmaging against the varsity team and old, fat-head Woods. I talked to the coach and he said he'd let me try out." "I don't see why that should interest me," countered Candy haughtily. "Since you're so gone on football players," snapped Ted, "I thought you might like to come out and see your new romeo get smeared. I'll massacre him." "I doubt that, Mr. Dawson," replied Candy frostily, and she slammed down the receiver.

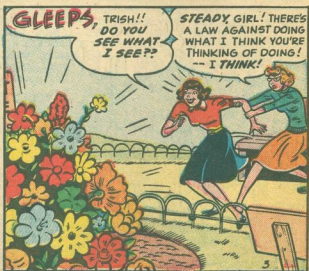
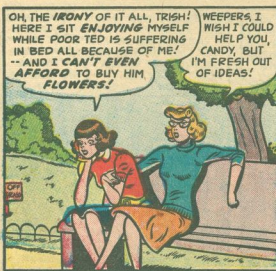
The next day, Candy sat in the grandstand with the other girls who had boyfriend friends on the team. The scrimmage had just started. It was between the varsity and the second teams. In the row ahead of her, Candy overheard her arch-enemy, Cornelia Clyde, talking very loudly to the girl next to her. "Isn't it hilarious? Ted Dawson is replacing the second string halfback just for today and he actually expects to get through the scrimmage. What some dopes won't do to make an impression." Candy seethed as she heard it and then her attention was drawn to the field where the ball was in play and by some miracle, Ted had latched onto it and was hi-tailing it down the field for all he was worth. She spotted Buck Woods moving in. He cut directly across the field, ignoring the man he was supposed to tackle, bumping one of his own men out of the way and heading for Ted at a mad pace. Candy covered her eyes as he connected. It seemed to her she could hear the bones crushing as Ted went down. It was all over in a matter of minutes. Candy was down from the grandstand and running towards the field as they put Ted on the stretcher. "Just a sprained ankle and a black eye," she heard Buck Woods laugh. "I guess you just ain't football material, Dawson. Ha ha!" Candy reached up and grabbed Buck's shoulder and whirled the astonished football player around. "You big baboon," she shrieked, "you deliberately went after Ted and if you think I'd go to the Fall Hop with you, you're sadly mistaken and . . ."

"Just a minute, Miss," cut in the Coach, "I'll take care of this." And he turned to Buck, who was now quaking. "You cut way out of line there, Woods. I have a notion to suspend you for a while." Buck started to plead and the battered Ted interrupted from the stretcher as Candy hovered over him. "Aw, don't do it on my account, Coach," and he turned to look up at Candy out of his one good eye. "I really came out on top after all!"

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